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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

SUBJECT : Medical Support

REFERENCES : (a) Memorandum subject as above, dated 6 December 1951  
 (b) Memorandum subject as above, dated 11 December 1951

1. In accordance with reference (b), Dr. John R. Tietjen, Chief of the CIA Medical Staff, attended a meeting of the Armed Forces Medical Policy Council on 17 December 1951 primarily for the purpose of discussing overseas medical problems of CIA and possible means whereby the three military medical services might provide additional support to the present CIA medical program.

2. Dr. Tietjen has reported that the Council informally agreed that the military medical services should cooperate with CIA in supplying, within the limits of their facilities, the type of support needed. Principal additional support would include hospitalization of patients at the request of CIA without restrictions as to citizenship or occupation, furnishing of medical supplies and equipment requisitioned by CIA, and consultative assistance of military medical specialists.

3. If you approve of the medical services of the three departments furnishing this additional support, it is requested that they be so advised and that a representative from your Office be designated to meet with the Chief of our Medical Staff to complete detailed arrangements for implementation.

SIGNED:

WALTER S. SMITH  
 Director

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